

A message to Paso del Norte Health Foundation Grantees:

Much has changed since the emergence of COVID-19, including: local, state, and national emergencies, international travel restrictions including the closing of the US/Mexico border for non-essential purposes, the cancellation of programs and events, plus a sudden and widespread emphasis on working from home to slow the spread of this harmful new virus.

As the Vice President for Programs, I want to pass along the following to all Paso del Norte Health Foundation grantees:

The Wells Fargo building is closed but the Foundation is open and we are working remotely. All Program Officers are available through email and telephone. Video conferences can be arranged as needed. Our email addresses are located [here](#).

To assist grantees in this difficult time, the Health Foundation is open to:

- Changing the grant payment schedule.
- Modifying grant terms and conditions, such as extending report due dates.
- Modifying or suspending grant activity in response to COVID-19.
- Holding site-visits and other grantee meetings by telephone or using Zoom.

The Health Foundation Board continues to consider new grants and contracts. While COVID-19 is consuming much of our thought, other important work must proceed. I encourage you to follow the Health Foundation on social media to hear and read about our rapid responses. I also encourage you to be in contact with a Program Officer or email me at [mkelly@pdnfoundation.org](mailto:mkelly@pdnfoundation.org) regarding any current grant questions or concerns. We are trying to be as flexible as possible.

Finally, I encourage all grantees to practice physical distancing, not social distancing. Our health and human services work plus our individual well-being require human social interaction – even if we are physically distant. I realize that physical distancing may hinder and maybe even halt grant funded programs or office operations for a time. Nevertheless, we will persist, likely ever changed by these few weeks.

Sincerely,

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